

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1(cancelled).

2(cancelled).

3(cancelled).

4(cancelled).

5(cancelled).

6(cancelled).

7(cancelled).

8(cancelled).

9(cancelled).

10(cancelled).

11(currently amended). A self-retaining, injection molded and heat expandable automotive sealant wherein the sealant comprises a compressible protuberance dimensioned for insertion into a member to be sealed and at least two extensions that extend along at least a portion of an exterior surface of the member to be sealed.

12(currently amended). A heat expandable automotive sealant composition comprising styrene butadiene rubber, ethyl vinyl acetate, at least one expansion agent, at least one catalyst, at least one filler and combinations thereof, wherein the composition is substantially free of ionomeric compounds.

13(currently amended). The [expandable composition] automotive sealant of Claim [1] 11 further comprising at least one opening.

14(cancelled).

15(cancelled).

16(cancelled).

17(cancelled).

18(cancelled).

19(cancelled).

20(cancelled).

21(cancelled).

22(cancelled).

23(cancelled).

24(currently amended). The [method of Claim 23 wherein said automotive component] automotive sealant of Claim 11 wherein the member to be sealed comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of an A-pillar, B-pillar or C-pillar.

25(cancelled).

26(presented). An automotive cavity sealant comprising a heat expandable composition wherein a first portion of the expandable composition is configured to maintain the sealant in a fixed position adjacent to the member to be sealed and at least two other portions of the expandable composition that extend along an exterior surface of the member to be sealed.

27(presented). The automotive cavity sealant of Claim 26 wherein the sealant is self-retaining.

28(presented). The automotive cavity sealant of Claim 26 wherein the first portion defines a gripping portion

29(presented). The automotive cavity sealant of Claim 26 wherein the first portion comprises a fastener that is compressed within the member to be sealed.

30(presented). An automotive sealant comprising first and second portions wherein the first portion is inserted into the member to be sealed and the second portion extends along an exterior surface of the member to be sealed and wherein all portions of the sealant comprise a heat expandable composition.

31(new). The automotive sealant of Claim 12 wherein expansion agent comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of azodicarbonamides, p,p'-oxybis(benzene-sulfonyl hydrazide) and diphenyloxido-4,4'-disulphohydrazides.

32(new). The automotive sealant of Claim 12 wherein the sealant is self-retaining.

33(new). The automotive sealant of Claim 26 wherein said sealant defines at least one opening.